GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DEPLETION OF MANGROVE FOREST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the grave threat to the existence of rare crocodiles and fast depetion of a large area of mangrove forest along the Orissa coast due to the continued intrusion of Bangladeshis and illegal fishing in different creeks; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) There is no specific report on the threat to existence of rare Crocodiles and fast depletion of a large area of mangrove forest along the Orissa coast due to continued intrusion of Bangladeshis. However, some incidences of illegal fishing alongwith depletion of mangrove forest and threat to salt water Crocodile have been reported by the State Government..

(b) Government of Orissa has undertaken demolition of unauthorized prawn gheries in 5 forest blocks of Mahanadi andhave taken steps to declare the mangrove forests as Reserved Forests in selected blocks of Jagatsinghpur , Kendrapara and Badhrak districts.